

By: Rodriguez

H.B. No. 3788

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to closure of a roadway or lane during times of emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 545, Transportation Code is amended by adding Section 545.158 to read as follows:

Section 545.158. Power of a fire department officer. (1) An officer of a fire department, in performance of his or her official duties, has the authority to close to traffic highway or other roadway, as necessary to protect the safety of persons or property.

(2) In order to promote the safe implementation of this statute, the fire department officer shall utilize an official fire department vehicle using visual signals that meet the requirements of Sections 547.305 and 547.702, Transportation Code.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.